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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2-20 and 22-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2-10, 13-20 and 22-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 11 is again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frey, of record

Frey teaches a carrier for an article such as a holster. The body is defined by the upper portion of the plate while the lower portion of the plate with the slot (f) defines the back member as part of the body. The bent portion of the clip or carrier defines an arm having an upper end and a lower end and including a hook facing toward the back member at ©. The upper end of the arm is attached to the body. Note that the shape of member c provides an upwardly directed catch which is engageable with the slot or opening at f. Since the slot is in the back member it clearly defines an opening through the back member, as claimed. .

2. Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. Claims 2-10, 13-20 and 22-29 are allowed while claims 1 and 21 have been canceled.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 5/26/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants claim is merely to a carrier with a body and back member without and particular construction for the body. The carrier could be no more than the clip arrangement taught by Frey with the article being the holster. That being the case

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the plate or backing of the clip defines the body and back member with the portion with the slot f being the back member. Therefore Frey does meet the limitations of the claim.

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